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RICHMOND'S WHOLESALE HAT TRADE

It Is Immense. Running
Up Into Thousands.

THERE ARE ONLY
TWO BIG HOUSES

But They Travel Many Men
and Sell Goods From
the Gulf Up.

THE ENTIRE SOUTH
IS THEIR TERRITORY

The Hat Business Is Compar-
atively New, But Richmond
Young Blood and Indom-
itable Energy and Pluck
Made It Tell—\$600,000
Worth Sold Last Year.

What is Richmond doing? She is doing
something in every line. Her interests
and her enterprises are diversified, and
in every line in which the South country
is interested, Richmond is right in the
push, away up in front rank among
wholesale centers. No city in the South
distributes more goods; no city in the
South has better banking facilities, better
railway advantages or better facilities
generally as a distributing point, and
no city on the green earth has more en-
ergetic, wide-awake business men to take
advantage of these advantages, so to
speak, than Richmond has.

Take the wholesale hat business, for
instance, and when we come to consider
that it is something of a new business
here, the amount of business that is
done in the course of a year will as-
tonish those who have not troubled
themselves to find out what Richmond
is doing.

In the Old Times.
In the olden times, that is to say,
"way yonder 'fore de war," the whole-
sale hat business was a kind of tail-
ender to some other lines. Wholesale
grocers used to sell the common wool
and plantation hats, wholesale dry goods
men sold the straw hats and the clothing
men were expected to handle the better
grades of headgear.

Times and customs changed and Rich-
mond changed with them. Soon after the
war the concern of C. W. Thorn & Co.,
which wholesaled millinery, added a hat
department, and in a short while the
hat department, which was the tail, got
to wagging the dog. Millinery was
dropped and the establishment became
a hat house strictly. Mr. John Etchison
was the junior member of this firm, and
by his energy and business vigor a hat
business worthy the name was built
up.

In the course of time two or three
other concerns were started up, and for a
while did good business, but gradually
they were either absorbed or played out,
and the concern of Etchison, Bates &
Starks held the fort for several years.

Another Richmond in the Field.
Along in the eighties the firm of
Stokes & Simmons was organized, and
struck out in the wholesale hat business.
This firm, like the one mentioned above,
made a gratifying success of their ven-
ture and their travelers were not slow
in letting the southern trade know that
Richmond was a first-class market for
hats, as well as for pretty much every-
thing else that the needs of man can
call for.

In time these two firms changed in
name, new and younger blood was in-
jected into the veins of both, and now
they are known far and near throughout
the southern country as T. D. Stokes &
Co. and the Etchison Hat Company, in-
corporated.

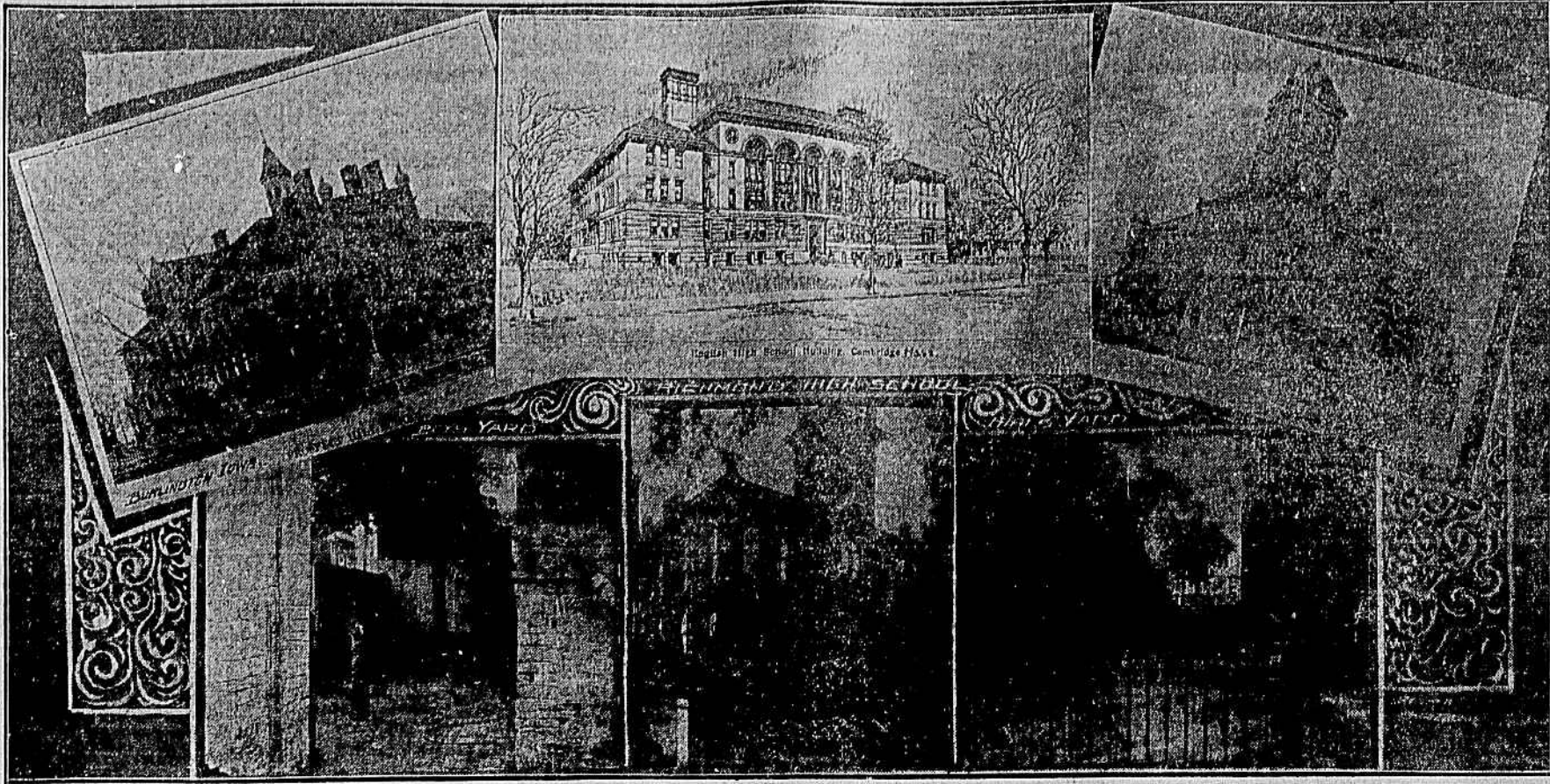
The Vast Territory.
These concerns carry immense stocks,
and their thirty traveling men sell their
goods in every Southern State east of
the Mississippi River, and even beyond,
for they have customers here and there
in Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Terri-
tory, and just to show what he could
do, one of these hustling travelers, while
on a pleasure tour in Mexico, sold several
bills in that country. Another one made
a customer in New York State right un-
der the nose of great Gotham, and holds
his trade there, too.

However, the hat territory that Rich-
mond sells in is Virginia, West Virginia,
North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia,
Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana,
Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky and parts
of Maryland. A few goods are sold in
certain Pennsylvania towns, and, as
before indicated, in New York and in
Mexico.

It requires all the hustling qualities of
live, wide-awake drummers to cover this

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RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL, COMPARED WITH THOSE OF OTHER CITIES OF LIKE SIZE



GREAT NEED FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Present Building is En-
tirely Inadequate.

OVERCROWDING IS
INJURIOUS TO HEALTH

Structure Hemmed in by Other
Buildings—Has Practically
No Play-Grounds.

GREAT WORK IS BEING
VERY BADLY HAMPERED

Prominent Gentlemen Interested
in Education Point Out De-
fects in Present Building and
Emphasize the Need for a
New One—What Dr.
Mitchell Thinks of It.

Honary with honorable age, and worn
with the batter of many years, the pre-
sent High School of Richmond is an in-
teresting relic of the early struggles of
public education in Virginia, but is
manifestly and more and more conspicu-
ously anything but a worthy shrine for
the broad and notable work now being
conducted daily within its doors.

This fact, with the various things it sig-
nifies and suggests, is just being pressed
closely home to the people of Richmond.
A few public spirited gentlemen and
ladies, more observant than others, possi-
bly, have come to detect the fault of
the building, and the high school of
the teaching behind its walls and have
witnessed the sight of so strikingly val-
uable and noble an effort hampered and
confined by bricks and mortar that were
built up a quarter of a century ago, and
that have failed to expand with the cal-
endar. These observations have led to a
movement, the immediate result of
which has been to call the wandering at-
tention of the public to this unique sit-
uation, and the ultimate effort of which
will be visible in a new and modern high
school, architecturally, hygienically and
otherwise in keeping with the twentieth
century—a thing that must be because it
must.

Cause for Congratulation.

That Richmond has outgrown a high
school building constructed for it many
years ago, is a cause for congratulation,
and not for regret. The building was
erected in 1878; that is, high, the larger
part of what now constitutes the High
School of Richmond, was put up at that
time. There were three stories of it and
four rooms on each floor. The school
began, grew, and filled the place from
end to end. Two rows of an wing were
added on the southwest corner. When
these were filled in turn an addition was
made to the southeast corner. The chil-
dren continued to come in growing num-
ber. Three or four years ago three more
rooms were tacked on to the west wing.
Now the school is full, and as before, the
children continue to come in growing
number. But no more extension is pos-
sible. Physical limitations in the way of
land prevent any further expansion un-
less a tent is erected on top of the old
pile, or some other device at present
unthinkable is adopted.

The situation is very plain and patent
to any man who takes the trouble to in-
vestigate, and the remedy, and the only
remedy, is equally obvious. The high
school is a sort of university of the peo-
ple, hundreds of young men and women
who appreciate, but cannot avail them-
selves of the advantages of the college
curriculum look to this place as the most
important influence in their early life. It
is to them, as much as an alma mater, as
the high-sounding university is to him
who can attend it. The work is a very
important one, and in the case of Rich-
mond is a particularly important one. As
Dr. Mitchell so admirably points out be-
low, the building, and the teaching are
antithetical degrees—one the worst and
the other the best.

There is now a daily attendance of be-
tween seven and eight hundred pupils
in the school. The total enrollment is
over 900. The staff of teachers is of a
very high class, and the school is a pow-
erful influence in the community for edu-
cation and culture. It is constantly grow-
ing. The attendance this year is larger
than that of last, and next year it will
be larger still. In the course of time the
outlying territory will be annexed to
Richmond, and many other children will
be added to the rolls.

Dark and Dreary.
The building now being used is utterly
inadequate. The rooms are small, dark
and overcrowded. The ventilation is bad.
The danger to health is considerable.
The protection from fire is not of the

MURDERED IN A HANSOM

New York Bookmaker Shot and
Killed While on His Way
to the Wharf.

ABOUT TO SAIL FOR EUROPE

Young Woman in Cab With
Him Suspected of Shooting.
Collapses When Examined.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 4.—Frank T. Young,
known on the turf as Caesar Young,
bookmaker, horse owner and stockholder
in Pacific coast race tracks, was shot and
killed in a hansom cab to-day while on
his way to the White Star Line pier to
join his wife with whom he was to have
sailed for Europe.

Mrs. Young was waiting at the pier
when news of her husband's death reached
her.

At first the death was reported as sui-
cide, but various circumstances caused
the police later to change their views.
With Young in the cab when a policeman
was called, was Mrs. Nan Patterson,
formerly an actress, whose stage name
was "Nan Randolph," and who is said to
have been a member of the original
Florsdora sextette.

She told the policeman that Young had
shot himself after announcing to her that
he was about to go to Europe, to be
away probably for several months.
The policeman told the coroner, how-
ever, that the revolver was in the man's
pocket, and that he did not believe Young
could have put it there after shooting
himself. Young died about five minutes
after the policeman first saw him.

Woman Collapses.

The woman was taken to a police sta-
tion, where she collapsed. There was a
remarkable scene in the station when
Young's partner, a man named Millin,
called. He said Young never carried a
revolver; that he did not believe the death
was due to a self-inflicted wound.
Millin said that Young, who came here
from England ten or fifteen years ago, a
poor man, was worth more than a half
million dollars.

Shortly after Millin made this state-
ment Mrs. Patterson was brought in to
be taken to the coroner's office. Millin
was leaning against the rail when he saw
her. He started at her with a rush. She
shrank back against a detective. Millin
again rushed at her, but two or three de-
tectives grabbed him and held him until
the woman was out of sight. Millin
shouted at her as she left the station
house.

The woman was taken to Coroner
Brown's private office and closeted with
him. While there, Millin appeared. He

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RICHMOND STANDS READY TO WELCOME DEMOCRATIC HOSTS

All Arrangements Complete for
What Promises to be a
Notable Meeting.

FOR COMFORT OF DELEGATES

Everything Possible Will be
Done to Make Stay of Demo-
crats Pleasant.

The Democratic State Convention,
which will be called to order at noon
on Thursday next, in the Regimental
Armory by Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, prom-
ises to be well attended, and arrange-
ments have been practically completed
for making it one of the most successful
party gatherings held here in many
years.

Preparations for holding the con-
vention have been conducted jointly by a
committee of prominent local hotel men,
of which Colonel John Murphy is chair-
man, and Chairman James B. Doherty,
of the City Democratic Committee.

There are ample hotel and boarding-
house accommodations here for a much
larger crowd than will attend, and the
convention hall will be provided with
every comfort and convenience.

Is Well Arranged.

The hall has been admirably arranged
with reference to seats and stage ac-
commodations, and the location of the
chairs on the floor is such that all the
delegates will directly face the speakers
stand. The stage will be 25 by 50 feet, and
its location is in the center of the
hall. It will be 100 chairs provided for officers
and leaders of prominence in the party,
while just in front, chairs and tables
are located for the representatives of the
press. A splendid band has been secured
for the occasion, and a corps of pages
will be in charge of the sergeant-at-arms
to wait upon the delegates.

Arrangements have been made to have
water carried to the delegates at their
seats.

The hall will be decorated with gay
bunting and with United States and Vir-
ginia flags, and the sight promises to be
an inspiring one when the body convenes.

For the Press.

Each delegate will be provided with a
badge, and this will admit him to the
hall. These badges will be distributed
Wednesday night in the lobby of Mur-
phy's Hotel by the chairmen of the var-
ious district committees.

Separate and distinct press badges have
been provided, and they will be in the
hands of the local press committee ap-
pointed by Chairman Doherty to take
charge of the visiting newspaper contin-
gent and to look after their needs and
comfort. Visiting members of the press
may obtain their badges by applying at
Murphy's lobby on Wednesday night to

any of the following gentlemen, who com-
pose the local press committee:
C. A. Boyce, Arthur H. Taylor, Horace
A. Hawkins, John A. Morison, C. O. B.
Cowardin, Jr., and R. M. Lynn.

While it has not been definitely deter-
mined, it is pretty certain that both tele-
graph companies will install instruments
in the hall for the convenience of the
press.

The halls in which the ten district
conventions will be held have not all been
selected, but will be announced on Tues-
day. These will be called to order at 10
o'clock on Thursday, and eight of them
will likely complete their work speedily.
In the Second and Third Districts, how-
ever, terrific fights are looked for.

The State Committee will meet Wednes-
day night and recommend temporary
officers, who will also be confirmed.
They will probably be as follows:
Chairman, Judge George E. Cassell.
Radford; secretary, Colonel Joseph But-
ton, Appomattox; sergeant-at-arms, W.
P. Leaman, Richmond.

When the speech of the temporary
chairman shall have been made and the
recommendations of the district conven-
tions confirmed, the committees on per-
manent organization, resolutions and cre-
dentials are named, and a recess taken
until about 4 o'clock.

Then the convention is permanently
organized, a platform adopted and four
delegates and four alternates at large
to the national convention chosen.

HARVARD AND YALE ACCEPT OXFORD CHALLENGE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, June 4.—The official accept-
ance of the challenge sent by the Oxford
University Athletic Club, on behalf of
Oxford and Cambridge Universities, to
Harvard and Yale for an athletic meet-
ing in London this summer, has been re-
ceived by cable. The meeting will be
subject to the conditions governing pre-
vious similar contests. The British Uni-
versity authorities say there will be no
difficulty in meeting the wishes expres-
sed by the Harvard and Yale associations.

WAS ROASTED TO DEATH UNDER HIS ENGINE

(By Associated Press.)
HARRODSBURG, KY., June 4.—A
freight train collided with a work train
on the Southern Railway near here to-
day, killing two trainmen and injuring
six others.

John Scanlon, engineer of the freight,
was roasted to death under his engine.
Samuel Williams, engineer of the work
train, was crushed to death, and the work
train was reduced to ashes.

TORNADO WIPES OUT LITTLE CALIFORNIA TOWN

(By Associated Press.)
LAWTON, CAL., June 4.—A tornado
has demolished part of the little town of
Walters, near here. One man was killed
and twelve injured. The southwestern
part of the country has been swept by a
half-storm that did damage to crops
amounting to several thousand dollars.
Continued heavy rains in this part of the
Sierra and Comanche nations have turned
all streams into torrents and the val-
leys are inundated.

Control of Party Organization
by Opposing Factions
at Stake.

LIVELY FIGHTS EXPECTED

These Will Start in District
Meetings and be Renewed
on Convention Floor.

The great issue in the Democratic
State convention next Thursday and in
the ten district conventions which will
precede the session will be the control
of the party organization. In the se-
lection of delegates in the various cities
and counties a quiet struggle has been
going on for several weeks, the precise
result of which will not be known pos-
itively until a test vote has been had
in each district meeting.

In the convention the matter of the
amendment of the State party plan of
primary is sure to evoke some discussion,
and to that extent the primary is an
issue in the State convention. Other
than a contest over the various amend-
ments that may be proposed to the con-
vention by the State Central Committee
and its committee on resolutions, there
will be no fight over the primary. In-
deed, there is no substantial opposition
to the perpetuation of a plan of primary
for making nominations, and the propo-
sition to abandon it in favor of the ward
and mass meeting and convention method
will not be seriously urged, if proposed at
all. Representative men high in the
councils of the opposing factions of the
party have declared themselves unquali-
fiedly in favor of the primary principle.
It is only as to the details of the
plan that any conflict will apparently be
possible.

Amend Primary Plan.

When the State Central Committee met
here recently, a subcommittee was named,
consisting of one member from each
congressional district, to recommend
amendments to the primary plan drawn
by the committee more than two years
ago. That committee consisted of the
following gentlemen:

First District—Lloyd T. Smith (chair-
man); Second District—George W. Jones;
Third District—John S. Harwood; Fourth
District—R. Freeman Epps; Fifth Dis-
trict—J. M. Hooker; Sixth District—H.
O. Humphreys; Seventh District—John S.
Patton; Eighth District—Gardner L.
Boothe; Ninth District—Thomas A.
Lynch; Tenth District—Edward Echols.

This committee has been called by
Chairman Smith to meet at 2 P. M. next
Wednesday at Murphy's Hotel to compare
views and agree upon a report and recom-
mendations to the full committee, which
will meet that night or next morning.
The full committee will, in turn, report

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BIG PLANTS ARE MERGED

Southern Stove Works Company
Absorbs Immense Waynes-
boro Plant.

QUARTER OF MILLION DEAL

The Consideration Said to Have
Reached Three Hundred
Thousand.

Negotiations have just been completed
for the consolidation of the Southern
Stove Works, of Richmond, and the W.
J. Loth plant, of Waynesboro, under the
name of the Continental Stove Com-
pany, a new corporation with a large
and influential backing.

The deal means practically the ab-
sorption by the Richmond concern of the
immense Waynesboro factory. The con-
sideration was \$300,000. The stockholders
and owners of the two companies came
to terms and the sale was consummated
in the manner indicated above.

The plans at present contemplate the
continued operation of the Loth plant
at Waynesboro for some months to
come. It was stated officially yesterday,
however, that the branch will probably
eventually be removed to Richmond. This
will mean a very great enlargement of
the Southern Stove Works here. The
Waynesboro branch is said to be one of
the largest establishments of its kind
in the South. It employs about fifty
molders.

The competition in the stove trade in
this vicinity has been very sharp, and
will by no means be at an end since the
consolidation. There are still other com-
petitors in the field. The change is
regarded, however, as being of very great
benefit to Richmond. The two big plants
will work harmoniously hereafter, and if
the Waynesboro establishment is brought
to this city the extension of the works
here will be on a sufficiently large scale
to make the removal an important busi-
ness consideration for the community.

BRITISHERS CAPTURE THIBET GENERAL AND CANNON

(By Associated Press.)

SIMLA, BRITISH INDIA, June 4.—
The British expedition in Thibet has cap-
tured two four-pounders from the enemy
and a Lassa general is reported to have
been killed.

The Thibetans have refused to forward
to Lassa the letter from Colonel Young-
husband, the political agent with the ex-
pedition, fixing the latest date on which
the British are prepared to meet and
negotiate with the ambassador and Thib-
etan delegates at Gyang-Tse before ad-
vancing on Lassa.

CURRENT EVENTS AS THEY APPEAR TO CARTOONIST ROSTRUP.

